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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA AT FAIRBANKS

JUSTIN ACKER, EMILY ACKER, E.A. (2019),  
I.A. (2020; JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, JOHN DOE  
JR. (2020), AND JANE DOE JR. (2016),

Plaintiffs,

v.

PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES  
WASHINGTON d/b/a PROVIDENCE ALASKA  
MEDICAL CENTER, BARBARA KNOX, M.D.,  
and BRYANT SKINNER,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:22-cv-00017 SLG

**AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENDANT BARBARA KNOX, M.D. IN  
SUPPORT OF HER MOTION FOR SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT**

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF DUVAL         )

Affiant, being first duly sworn states and avers as follows:

1. During all times relevant to the I.A. case and the John Doe, Jr. case, I was  
employed by Providence Health Services, a private corporation.

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- 1           2.       I was paid by Providence Health Services, and I worked at their direction.
- 2           3.       At all times relevant, Alaska CARES was an accredited member of the National
- 3 Children's Alliance.
- 4           4.       Alaska CARES utilizes the multidisciplinary team approach, as contemplated by
- 5 AS 47.14.300, to provide services to victims of abuse.
- 6           5.       My involvement with both I.A. and John Doe, Jr. occurred within the context of
- 7 my membership with the Alaska CARES multidisciplinary team.
- 8           6.       My role with the Alaska CARES multidisciplinary team was limited to evaluating
- 9 children for whom there is a concern of non-accidental trauma, rendering diagnoses regarding
- 10 the same and to make recommendations as to a child's abuse-related medical needs.
- 11           7.       In my role with the Alaska CARES multidisciplinary team, I did not make
- 12 decisions regarding custodial placement of any child, and I did not in the cases of either John
- 13 Doe, Jr. or I.A.
- 14           8.       In my role with the Alaska CARES multidisciplinary team, I did not make any
- 15 decisions regarding the prosecution of any alleged child abuse perpetrators, and I did not in the
- 16 cases of either John Doe, Jr. or I.A.
- 17           9.       I never evaluated John Doe, Jr.'s case nor did I develop an opinion as to the
- 18 existence or lack thereof of evidence of non-accidental trauma.
- 19           10.      In late March or early April 2021, Sitka pediatrician David Vastola, MD asked
- 20 me to take on the John Doe, Jr. case but I declined and instead referred him to Seattle Children's
- 21 Hospital.
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11. After referring Dr. Vastola to Seattle Children's Hospital, I had no further involvement with the John Doe, Jr. matter.

12. I did not conspire with law enforcement, OCS, or any other governmental body to effectuate any particular result, let alone to deprive Plaintiffs of their constitutional rights with regard to custody, criminal investigation/prosecution or otherwise.

Affiant further says Naught.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

Barbara Knox MD  
BARBARA KNOX, MD

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 8 day of February 2023, in Doral, Florida.

J. Tucker  
Notary Public in and for Florida  
My Commission Expires: June 15 2023

